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IN RE APPLICATION OF: : Rickard et al.
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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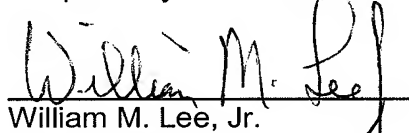
Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136, the applicant hereby petitions for an extension of one month to respond to the Office Action of April 1, 2008. Response will therefore be timely if filed with the Patent and Trademark Office no later than August 1, 2008.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.17, the required fee of \$120.00 should be deducted from Deposit Account No. 12-0913.

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Respectfully submitted,



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